

Naval Cover with Perfin

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The question, "How many horns on a dilemma" applies to the illustrated cover. Like most stamp accumulators, I have several collecting interests. They include: Naval covers, perfins, Great Britain line engraved stamps in the reign of Queen Victoria, precancels, and US issues. As a result, I frequently find myself on the horns on a dilemma (i.e., which collection does this one fit in).



The NY/T perfin is listed as a C+ in the Perfin Club's *Catalog of United States Perfins*. The entry points out that this pattern (N205.1) belonged to the

New York Title & Mortgage Company of New York, N.Y. So, once again, we get to speculate on how the mailer got the stamp.

This cover splits between naval covers and perfins. The above cover was franked with a perfined 2¢ carmine rose stamp from the 1932 Washington Bicentennial Issue. A couple of USCS (Universal Ship Cancellation Society) members (i.e., John Young and Greg Ciesielski) provided the following information: Chapter No.2 was established in the Pacific-Northwest on 30 April 1933. Later on 1 June 1933 they adopted the name "John Paul Jones". Dean Bartley was their cachet director.

The chapter's first cacheted cover was posted 30 April 1933 aboard the USF Constitution. There are number of covers around with Mr. Morse's stamped address around, but he is not listed as a USCS, North Bay, or International Postal Markings Society member. According to the 1920 Census, Walter V. Morse, age 25, lived in Freeport, Long Island and was a clerk in the County Treasures Office.